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A takeout mechanism for gripping a bottle formed at the blow station of an I.S. machine and removing it from the blow station and depositing the gripped bottle at a deposit location comprising

a takeout head assembly including gripper means for gripping a bottle,

a takeout arm for supporting said takeout head 10 assembly,

support means for supporting said takeout arm for displacement between a pick-up position and the deposit position,

first displacement means for displacing said takeout arm between said pick-up and deposit positions,

said takeout head assembly further comprising a cooling tube selectively displaceable between an up position and a down position,

second displacement means for displacing said cooling tube from the up position down to the down position and then back up to the up position, and

a takeout control for

operating the gripper means when the takeout arm is at the pick-up position to grip a bottle and for releasing the gripped bottle when the takeout arm is at the deposit position, and

for operating said second displacement means to displace said cooling tube from said up position down to said down position and back to said up position a plurality of times during the time the bottle is gripped by said gripper means.

2. A takeout mechanism according to claim 1, wherein said second displacement means includes a profiled actuator.

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3. A takeout mechanism according to claim 2, wherein said profiled actuator is a servo motor.